Provision of Rain Water Harvesting and/or waste water recycling has been kept in all the buildings proposed to be taken up in the future wherever it is required or it is technically feasible.

Development of water and sewage disposal system in cities

†783. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal for solving the problem of potable water, sewage system and solid waste in selected three hundred towns of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of towns of Bihar incuded in this scheme; and

(d) by when, this scheme would be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) There is a proposal to set up National Urban Renewal Mission (NURM) for select cities and an omnibus scheme, namely Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) for other cities to provide reform-linked assistance for development of infrastructure including water supply, sewerage and solid waste management. Details of the aforesaid schemes have not been finalized.

(c) and (d) The number of towns of Bihar to be included will be known only after approval of the schemes. The schemes are likely to be introduced during the current financial year.

Planned development of cities

†784. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the research studies revealed that India is advancing to be a developed nation and an economic superpower;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that despite the planned efforts to develop world class cities, no city has so far become as such;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.